

Message Text

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SY CHANNEL

FOR A/SY/OPS/DO AND A/SY/OPS/FO

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: ASEC
SUBJECT: CLASSIFIED WHITE HOUSE CORRESPONDENCE DELIVERED
TO EMBASSY BONN THROUGH UNCLASSIFIED CHANNELS
-- INCIDENT NO. 2

REF: BONN 7717 (APRIL 25, 1978)

1. SUMMARY: TWO MORE CONFIDENTIAL LETTERS FROM DR. HENRY OWEN OF THE WHITE HOUSE STAFF WERE RECEIVED MAY 8 AT EMBASSY BONN VIA UNCLASSIFIED DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS. NO EVIDENCE OF TAMPERING WITH OR UNAUTHORIZED OPENING OF EITHER LETTER. RSO BELIEVES NO COMPROMISE OCCURRED. THIS IS THE SECOND SUCH INSTANCE IN THE LAST TWO WEEKS (SEE REFTTEL). END SUMMARY.

2. ABOUT 1045 LOCAL TIME, MONDAY, MAY 8, 1978, THE FSLE SUPERVISOR OF THE UNCLASSIFIED EMBASSY MAILROOM BROUGHT TO THE RSO TWO LETTERS FROM HENRY OWEN--THE WHITE HOUSE. THE FIRST LETTER WAS ADDRESSED TO AMBASSADOR STOESEL. THE OUTER ENVELOPE WAS MARKED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND UNDERLINED "VIA CLASSIFIED DIPLOMATIC POUCH." THE INNER ENVELOPE WAS MARKED "CONFIDENTIAL-VIA UNCLASSIFIED DIPLOMATIC POUCH." THE SECOND LETTER WAS ADDRESSED TO MR. CHARLES T. YORK, MINISTER-COUNSELOR FOR ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL AFFAIRS, AMERICAN EMBASSY, BONN; THE OUTER AND INNER ENVELOPES WERE SIMILARLY MARKED AS INDICATED ABOVE FOR AMBASSADOR STOESEL. NEITHER OUTER

ENVELOP BORE A CLASSIFIED REGISTRY SLIP.

3. THE CONTENTS OF THE LETTER TO AMBASSADOR STOESSEL WERE A CONFIDENTIAL MEMORANDUM DATED APRIL 28, 1978, QUOTE SUBJECT: SCHMIDT AND NON-SUMMIT MATTERS UNQUOTE FROM HENRY OWEN TO AMBASSADOR STOESSEL. THE CONTENTS OF THE LETTER TO MR. YORK WERE A MAY 2, 1978 CONFIDENTIAL LETTER FROM MR. OWEN TO MR. YORK.

4. THE RSO EXAMINED BOTH ENVELOPES CAREFULLY AND OBSERVED NO EVIDENCE WHATSOEVER OF ANY TAMPERING. RSO BELIEVES NO COMPROMISE OCCURRED.

5. THESE LETTERS WERE MOST PROBABLY RECEIVED IN THE EMBASSY UNCLASSIFIED MAILROOM IN UNCLASSIFIED DIPLOMATIC POUCH B3-6352, DISPATCHED FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE ON MAY 4, 1978. SINCE THE LETTERS WERE UNREGISTERED, THERE IS NO ABSOLUTE CERTITUDE THAT IT WAS IN THAT POUCH. HOWEVER, THE FSLE UNCLASSIFIED MAILROOM SUPERVISOR INDICATED HE WAS QUITE CERTAIN THEY WERE IN THAT PARTICULAR POUCH BAG.

6. THE ORIGINALS AND/OR COPIES OF THE OUTER AND INNER ENVELOPES AND A COPY OF THE POUCH INVOICE WILL BE FORWARDED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO A/SY/OPS/DO FOR ANY FURTHER INVESTIGATION THE DEPARTMENT DEEMS NECESSARY. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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7. SINCE THIS IS THE SECOND TIME THAT THIS TYPE OF CONFIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE HAS BEEN IMPROPERLY TRANSMITTED SINCE THE PREVIOUS REPORT OF APRIL 25 (SEE REFTEL), IT IS POSSIBLE THAT ADDITIONAL IMPROPER TRANSMISSIONS MAY OCCUR, UNLESS APPROPRIATE CORRECTIVE ACTIONS ARE TAKEN. STOESSEL.

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